HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 303 By Davis

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elisa Comer for her selection as Tennessee Small Business Person of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Elisa Comer, who was nominated by the Tennessee Small Business

Development Center at East Tennessee State University in response to her diligence and integrity, has been named the 2005 Tennessee Small Business Person of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, recognized as an outstanding entrepreneur, Elisa Comer is the founder and chief executive officer of Eagle's Landing Transcription Service (ELTS), located in East Tennessee State University's Innovation Laboratory, an incubator for new medical and technical businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a medical documentation expert, Elisa Comer contributes to the Central Appalachian Regional Health Improvement Organization, which is working toward President George W. Bush's goal of creating and maintaining a national health record for every patient; and

WHEREAS, Elisa Comer's leadership in her field has been recognized by the American Association of Medical Transcription (AAMT), an organization she also serves through her representation as the East Tennessee Legislative Liaison; and

WHEREAS, through the AAMT Legislative Task Force, Elisa Comer helps create national standards in medical transcription and shapes healthcare and its legislation on a national level; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee and Eagle's Landing Transcription Service will be represented by Ms. Comer during National Business Week, April 24-30, 2005, at the Small Business Administration Expo in Washington, D.C., where she will be recognized with the best small business owners throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Elisa Comer for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Elisa Comer, an outstanding entrepreneur and leader in business innovation, for her meritorious service to the citizens of the state of Tennessee offer our congratulations for her reception of the 2005 Tennessee Small Business Person of the Year award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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